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Jan. 1983

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

PO Box 5132 Beaverton, Oregon 97006

Meeting: Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 pm.....
Coffee, juice and cookies at BREAK time.....

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CONGRATULATIONS to our new officers, which you see listed above. A number of people were shuffled around and some new ones appear, in high places, on the slate. Let's get behind our new president and officers and do everything we can to see a continued improvement in our club. The officers merely serve to give direction. It is YOU, the member, that makes our group what it is. Good luck to YOU, us and OTVARC in our new year.

The vote on changing our By-Laws and Constitution passed in a literal stampede of AYES! We have been handcuffed for nearly 2 years by our own rules and now that we are our own masters, a few minor changes can be made so as to streamline things a bit. The original set of 'laws' was done very well but really did not allow for the tremendous growth which we have experienced. To expect that 2/3 of the members would be available at a meeting to cast their votes on a change was ridiculous. It is unreasonable to expect, out of a membership of 235, that we could be so lucky as to see 148 members show up at a meeting. The proof of the pudding is that it took TWO mailings of ballots before we could get a majority vote. The cost? Well over \$100.00 and if you consider the labor factor, which of course is donated, the club would have had to take out a loan to make the change. It is, truly, the members that attend meetings that really care about OTVARC and it is fair that those who do spend the time in furthering our aims and goals have a say in what we do. A 2/3 vote of the members in ATTENDANCE is how it should be. Thanks to all for casting your ballot. This is more of a milestone than you may realize.....

The CHRISTMAS PARTY was a great success, judging by the number in attendance. A super buffet was enjoyed by all and I think AK7Q enjoyed it at least 5 times. Eron passed by ADM and Dick asked him which table he was serving! Dick, have a little heart for the unfortunate. Times are rough and many members are out of work and on unemployment or welfare. The BIG winner of the ICOM handheld was none other than Joanne, WB7QFL, wife of our past president and Co-Chairman (person) of the Social Committee for 1983. It cheered her up considerably! She has been down and out for over 2 months with a back problem and if things don't improve shortly, will face major surgery. Good luck Joanne and enjoy 450. Joe and Lucille of Portland Radio were there with the new son and Joe is to be thanked for a TREMENDOUS amount of raffle donations. Kind of neat that little Joe was there. How come YOU weren't?? Hats off to the social committee for a very nice evening. Over 140 enjoyed it.....



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Theft protection

Bob Wiggins, W6RJL

After the theft of one 2-meter mobile rig, I started looking for inexpensive methods of protecting my mobile equipment. One thing I noticed was how easily the rig could be seen from the outside of the car due to the white trim, knobs, etc.

To solve the problem, my XYL made a black cloth cover to fit the front of the rig. A snap allows for quick removal of the cover. Since the dash is mostly black, as is the carpet, the rig is now almost impossible to see from the outside, even during daylight.

— Fullerton RC, CA

AMEN!! ☐

A FEW RAMBLING COMMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS: The McMinnville ARC recently got their ARRL affiliation and will now be enjoying the benefits. Hats off to the MARC group and to their hard driving President, Bob Kuhn.

POWER CONNECTORS: Once again, a reminder that the standardization of power connector use could be a real boon in an emergency situation. Antronics is making them available at cost. Perhaps some of the clubs that we swap newsletters with might want to join us in the effort? It could spread! AND let us not forget that Roger, K7RXV, is handling the sale of wire for the club. Either call him or see him at an OTVARC meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS: Most League members have heard the outcome of the recent vote results for the 7 land ARRL Division Director. The outcome was decided by a difference of 8 votes and Mary Lewis came out on top. We extend our wishes to Mary for a great tenure of duty in the coming two years. Also, we hope that she has a speedy recovery from a recent stroke. Hope to see you soon Mary.

OUR ELECTION: Your list of new officers (some of them old-sob) can be seen on the front page of the newsletter. We had a record response in the ballot dept. and most of the credit is due to several members taking the time to call ALL of the membership to remind them to vote. If you didn't get a call, you either were gone two nights in a row or have changed your phone number and have not told anyone. A BIG thanks to the nearly 200 members who responded. Who did the calling? Dennis, N7CME-Willie, N7DZR-Bill, KI7F-Sherry, KA7GLX-Jack, KA7HOJ-Fran, KA7KIS-Jo, KA7MIE-Steve, KA7MOW-Paul, WB6SHR-Mike, KC7U-Wes, K7WWG. It took some time and it paid off. A very big thanks to you all for the time spent!!! Who instigated the calling? Your editor and I got away with not having to call anybody. How's that for being sneaky? Did have to call the 11 who did the calling though. Thanks to all!! Just super.....

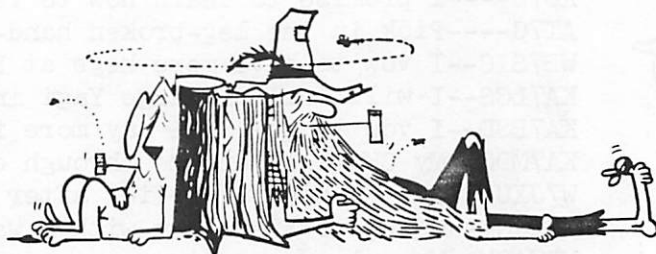
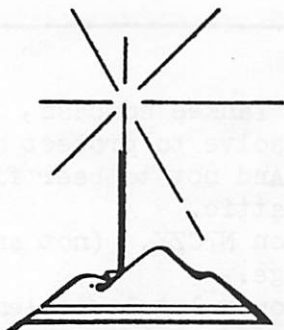
OUR NEW ARES EC: Roger Steyaert, K7RXV, stepped forward after last months plea for volunteers and was accepted by our new SEC, Tom Rickert, to serve as Washington County EC. Roger replaces Wes, K7WWG who decided to retire to the comfort of the OTVARC Social Committee and to spending more time with his family, which is in a growth stage!! Good luck to Roger in his ARES duties.

FAMILY GROWTH: Most everyone in the club knows Joe Borscht, the owner of Portland Radio. Well, after 40 plus years of single life he ran into a lady by the name of Lucille and evidently Lucille dug radio and a neat guy like Joe. The knot was tied and the old adage that life begins at 40 (or later) has been reinforced. Would you welcome please, Peter Joseph Borscht, born on Dec. 3 at 1:59 pm.. The baby weighs in at a healthy 9# and is VERY verbal. Congrats to the happy but sleepless parents.....

The "SWAP SHOP" is on again locally here on the SNOW PEAK Repeater. It's been moved to Sunday nites starting at 7:00 PM local time. I still need some relief net controls, so if anyone is interested in helping please get ahold of me. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Also in future dated the SNOWPEAK repeater will be "linked" with the Florence (146.92/32) repeater to provide statewide coverage for those on the coast who cannot get into our valley via two-meter repeater. For those who want to join for a fee, "link access codes" will be provided, enabling any Amateur to bring the two repeaters together. More on this later. **SARC**

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 AI7G----Pick in the leg-broken hand-I resolve to protect myself in 83.
 WB7SIC--I vow to have more kegs at FD. And not to beer fight W7LJN.
 KA7LCS--I will build a large Yagi in my attic.
 KA7BSD--I vow to not tell any more fibs on N7CZY. (not any less either)
 KA7MDC--My CW will send me through college.
 W7JXU---Just a sigh of relief after my tower legal problems.
 W7LJN---Going to field day with a waterproof sleeping bag. I swear!
 WB7ADM--My only resolution is to just sit back and relax for a time.

WB7TIJ--I resolve to be very careful when near mail boxes. (while driving)
 N7CRQ---I vow to never again quit looking for the bunny until I find it.
 N7BIJ---I resolve to return all the money I embezzled over the past three years.
 N7DDK---I vow to keep my repeater rag chews to under thirty minutes.
 WB7BCW--I promise to never again say 'Faraway Forest Grove' on the ARES net.
 N7CDB---It is my intention to lose at least five pounds in 1983.
 N7CRP---I resolve to win a Rusty Key contest even if it kills me. And it may.
 KA7HOJ--I will vow to burn my CB license but not for awhile. Maybe in the spring.
 KA7MIE--I resolve to have KB7CC make me some bunny hunting gear. It's FUN!!
 W7JWG---I VOW TO MAKE 1983 THE BEST-EVER YEAR FOR OTVARC. (bet he does)

 HOLA CQ - - Your new VP Esta es KA7BSD

I would like to thank each and every one of you wonderful folks of OTVARC for placing your confidence in me for the coming year. We expect another GREAT year from our club members, both new and old. We ask you to participate in our many varied activities planned for '83'. The newer members are urged to jump right in and become a part of the "FAMILY". As a reminder of the various events for 1983: The Bunny Hunts are becoming great events but more first-timers are urged to try it. Diabetes Bike-A-Thon gets a big play. Rusty Keys aren't rusting anymore. The contest attracts many CW fans. The Emergency Services group is emerging. A service we badly need. FD 1983 is expected to be our best yet. Valentines Day Special Event Certificates are beautiful beyond words. Picnic-campout at Vernonia is another GREAT playday. Club dinner #2 is around the corner. The annual Seaside convention is in the planning and will be the GREATEST yet. Lastly is the annual Christmas party which is enjoyed by all. I have probably left a few events out but to err is human so to those activities I have forgotten, please accept my apologies.

Bringing the activities to light should alert our members to a greater realization of the various events available to them this coming year. With the members support, 1983 will, indeed, be a GREAT year for us all. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your confidence.

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Doc

 • **COMMODORE 64 HOME COMPUTER** set for a big advertising push! They will spend \$5 million in an attempt to prove to the public that their hardware is a better value than that of Apple, Atari, IBM and Tandy! (An off-screen voice will answer the question of who has the best personal computer on the market.) The Commodore 64 is one of the newer home computer introductions and features full typewriter keyboard, I/O ports, built-in (9-octave) music synthesizer, 64K main memory, and high resolution graphics with 16-colors. Commodore reports that an 80-column option and CP/M will be available in 1983. Though not much software available, at \$595 - there is presently no personal computer on the market that can match its value! Cost with a printer and a disk drive will be about \$1400. Watch this one, it could be the sleeper of 1983.

• **FRANKLIN COMPUTER CORPORATION** continues to take dead aim on Apple! They have cut the dealer and retail prices of their Apple compatible Ace 1000 by 20%! Franklin is shipping 3,500 Ace 1000's a month. Price cut in response to an Apple II cost/retail reduction. In addition Franklin has introduced the Ace 1200 which features built in disk drives and CP/M. (Available early next year at \$2,495 list.) Franklin Computer's success has been caused largely due to Apple's persnickety attitude about who sells their products. Dealers that can't (or won't) go long with Apple's requirements are flocking to Franklin!

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HANDI-HAMS: (again)

Over 2 years ago the club undertook the Handi-Ham project and it did not work. We had an abundance of help and made every effort to make it go. What we were short on was people to be of service to! Some of the members have made inquiries on the subject so-now you know. Any input on this???????

MORE-CB HANDLES

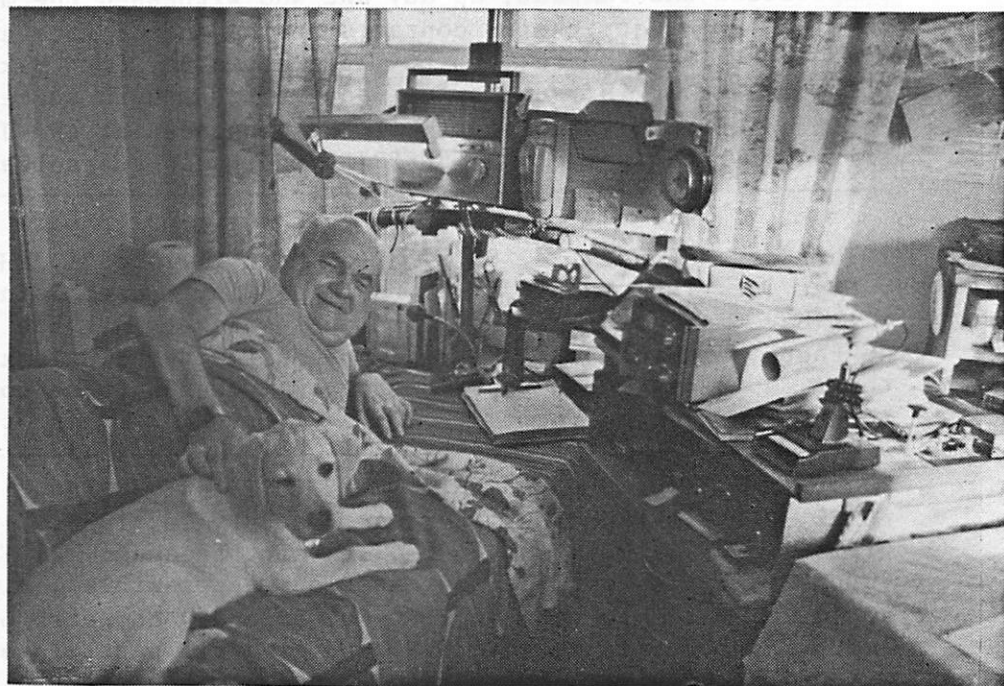
N7CXE--Happy Hairdresser
 KC7U --Double Eagle
 W7XI --Black Flag
 N7CWF--Albatross
 WB7RKW--Stingray
 KA7HMZ--Welderman
 KA7HNA--Bright Spot
 KA7HOJ--Sparky (tnx Jack)

Had a member divulge his handle at the Dec. meeting and lost it. Sorry! Heard a member doesn't approve of this. Stuffed shirts are a bore. I enjoy the *#@ out of it! MR. PEANUT-(WB7SIC)

MEET VINCE SLAWIK, N7CMV (CALL ME VINCE), OUR HONORARY MEMBER. VINCE WILL BE 63 YEARS OLD ON DEC. 30. VINCE UPGRADED TO GENERAL ON DEC. 7 ON HIS FOURTH TRY. HE BECAME A PARAPLEGIC AFTER A DIVING ACCIDENT AT THE AGE OF 19. HIS BROTHER, GEORGE, HAS MODIFIED ALL KNOBS ON HIS RIGS FOR EASY TURNING. YOU'LL FIND VINCE ON 147.100 HOOD RIVER REPEATER OR NOW ON THE HF BANDS.

HIS 11 METER HANDLE WAS "PANFISH" WHICH REFLECTED HIS GREAT LOVE FOR FISHING AND THE OUT-OF-DOORS.

THE PUP ON THE BED WITH VINCE IS "CORKY," A YELLOW LAB, THE NEWEST ADDITION TO THE HENNIGER FAMILY.



Call Centre fails to deliver

Do any of you who attended the Oregon State Ham Convention at Seaside last June remember a new business called the Amateur Radio Call Centre? The organization had commercial booth space and was passing out flyers touting their new service which would be starting up in the fall. With Callbooks going for near-\$20, this looked interesting to anyone who likes to QSL.

For a fee of about \$10 or so each year, customers would be given their own toll-free 800 phone number which would connect them with the center, located in the Seattle area. They would then have access to the current FCC computer files and be able to get address information. The center would be manned in the late-afternoon and early evening hours daily, with expanded service on weekends. If you owned a computer, the center would be available "on-line" 24 hours a day.

The flyer offered special discounts for signing up before certain deadlines and also offered a drawing for an ICOM handheld. Laryl Berry, KM7Z, thought the service would be just the ticket for her US QSL Service and signed-up. Just think, no more outdated Callbook addresses. The Centre was supposed to start-up September 1.

After hearing nothing and October on the horizon, Laryl attempted to get ahold of Ronald DeWillers, N7CRN, the Centre's owner, who had taken her check at Seaside and said the system's computers were all installed and ready. Several attempts to find DeWillers in the phonebook proved fruitless as did several letters to the Centre's address. Finally a registered letter produced an answer from DeWillers, stating that there had not been enough interest to go ahead with the project and it was currently on hold or whatever. Now Laryl is still out her original investment and all of the postage with still no offer of a refund. If anyone else took the bait on this deal, please let us know.

MARC

**** CONTEST REPORT de N7CRP ****

---WINNERS---WINNERS---WINNERS---WINNERS---

The October RUSTY KEY NITE results are in, and the list of participants reads like the WHO'S WHO of O.T.V.A.R.C. C.W. operators. We even had some novices join in, they were treated like royalty on the air, and off. Friendly competition was rampant, as any one who witnessed the mob of smiling testers waiting to meet their contacts at the door before each meeting will attest. All participants are to be congratulated for making the contest the HUGE success that it is, successful activities make a successful club, THANKS.

RUSTY KEY CONTEST winners will be announced at the January club meeting, and prizes will be awarded. A SURPRISE ending is guaranteed!!!

---RUSTY KEY COMING UP SOON---

Thursday, January 20, '83, 7pm to 10pm, 21.1 to 21.2MHz. Everyone welcome!

Most of the local clubs have been invited to join us for this contest, we will have more participants than ever before! All the best C.W. operators will be there, and they will be glad to go slow to help inexperienced operators make their contacts. You have heard how much fun these contests are, this is your chance, DON'T miss it.

15 METER RUSTY KEY RULES

*DATE *TIME *FREQUENCY Thursday, January 20, 1983, 7:00pm to 10:00pm (local), 21.1MHz. to 21.2MHz. Suggested starting frequency 21.15MHz. to 21.2MHz.

*OBJECTIVE: To work as many stations as possible during contest period and in so doing promote the spirit of friendly competition and sportsmanship. To improve our proficiency in C.W. and give all participants a chance to meet new friends. New or inexperienced operators are especially invited to join in. C.W. speed should be kept reasonable for newcomers.

*EXCHANGE: Call, name, and RST. Signatures will NOT count extra.

*MULTI-OP Stations are O.K. one transmitter, and one receiver only. Control ops of novice or tech. multi-op stations must operate for reasonable part of contest. (i.e. one half of contest if two operators.)

*SCORE: Novice and technician stations add 4 points per station contacted. All others add 2 points per station contacted. Do not discuss your score with others involved with the contest. Duplicate contacts do not count even if with different operator. Contest is not restricted to club members. (Several local clubs have been invited to participate.)

*LOGS: Use your choice of log, or pick up log and rules sheet at club meeting. Logs are due postmarked no later than January 31, 1983. Send logs to:

O.T.V.A.R.C., P.O. Box 5132, Beaverton, OR 97006

*PRIZES: Once again the coveted RUSTY KEY plaques will be awarded to the contest winner and runner up. A drawing from submitted logs will determine the winner of an additional prize. Everyone who submits a log will receive a special RUSTY KEY certificate, and recognition in O.T.V.A.R.C. NEWSLETTER.



A very big thank you to Arlene Reed who gave us some truly beautiful ceramic pieces for the ladies portion of the Christmas party raffle. Arlene made the prizes herself and i'll tell you, she does a perfect job. The 18" tall beer stein went to KC7U and he ain't no lady? No gentleman either, unless he gave it to Carole. Any bets?? Thank you Arlene. Another nice donation and very much appreciated by all.

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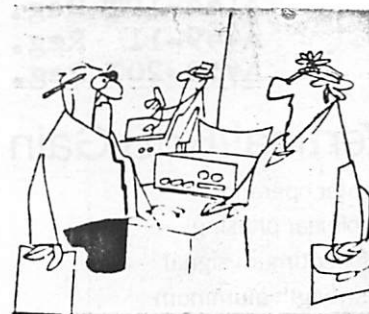
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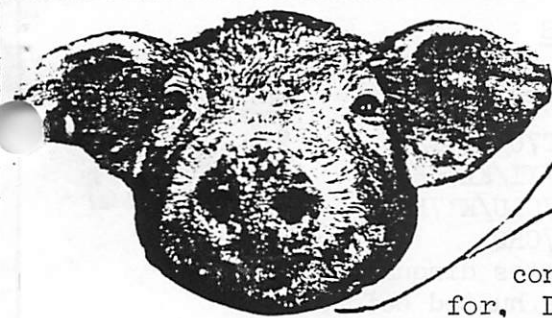
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HOWDY
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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

An OTVARC welcome to our two new members. John Hammond, WB7ODP and to Don Hillgaertner, WA7TEM.

Nice to have you aboard and sure do hope that you will feel free to make whatever personal contributions to the club that you have time and talent for. Don, by the way, is an emergency dispatcher on the 911 number. He works nights and won't be able to make very many of the club functions but you can meet him on 92/32 in the evenings and of course, if the need arises, on duty at the Washington County 911 service. John is in engineering with Tek and that is about all your editor knows. Hope to hear from you via a club activity or meeting, John. Two latecomers: Bonnie Ludwig, KA7APS from Springfield and Bill Leonard, KB7KL from Lincoln City. Welcome to all!!

MEMBERSHIP: 239

CLUB VISITATIONS

A suggestion was made in last months newsletter that we have a club visitation program started. Your editor made the suggestion and all it will take is for one of our members (or more) to take the bull by the old antlers and get some of our members excited about the idea. Don't wait to let GEORGE do it. Do it yourself! Not to put any pressure on anybody but several members have been heard on 92/32 talking about it and one of them was ???, ?????. Why not get a couple of buddies together, decide on a club and month, allow time for newsletter advertising, make an announcement at a meeting and let's do it!!!! It would be great fun and I bet we would have an excellent response. We spend all kinds of money on gear to talk to strangers.. Why not carpool it to some locals and make friends-in person???? Once a quarter-Place to meet-Time-Carpool gas money.... Very simple!!

COMING EVENTS

- ARRG Fleamarket Feb. 26-27
- Salem Hamfair Mch. 5-6
- Clark County May 7-8
- Ore. State Conv. June 3-4-5
- Spokane ARRL July 8-9-10
- Eugene Hamfair July 16-17
- Tacoma Hamfair Aug. 13-14

If any corrections are in order, please contact the editor. Need dates for the Doo-Dah-Dit in Seattle????

UPGRADES

Virgil Mays to tech-call pend. Clarence, KA7CSS to general. Vince, N7CMV to general. Nice going guys. On another page you will see a pic and story on Vince. Congrats!!!!

Get a gift from USQS!

Laryl Berry, KM7Z

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house were 13,000 unclaimed QSL cards, 3,000 SASEs and probably a mouse! The mailbox was hung by the door with care, in hopes that the postman soon would be there.

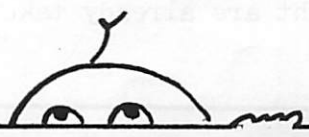
Seasons Greetings from U.S. QSL Service, Inc. (USQS), the free domestic bureau. USQS/KM7Z handles cards from any ham station, directed to a USA call sign station. We run entirely on donations and receive no compensation for the work involved. Donations are used to get unclaimed cards delivered.

Thank you to all who have made the bureau grow in 1982. It has been a very good year; USQS has got both feet on the ground, getting ready to take some big leaps in 1983. Please help us put the joy of QSLing into every ham shack. Spread the word and use USQS. Following is a small sample of calls for which we have unclaimed cards at USQS/KM7Z, P.O. Box 814, Mulino, OR 97042.

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| KB1C | WB3CDE | KN6C | K8CC |
| AG1C | KA3GQ | K16C | N8CCP |
| KA1CAJ | N3CBV | KJ6C | K8CCV |
| KA1CAK | W3CES | KK6C | N8CDD |
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| WD1CBP | KA3CGJ | AD6C | N8CED |
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| W1CCN | NQ4C | KE6CA | AC9C |
| WB1CCO | AK4C | WD6CAQ | AF9C |
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| W1CED | N4CAZ | WD6CEV | N9CAR |
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| AK2C | WD4CBA | KQ7C | N9CBH |
| KJ2C | WA4CBF | NL7C | N9CBM |
| KZCAB | N4CBQ | WL7C | K9CCL |
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| WB2CCA | WB4CCX | K7CAI | N9CDP |
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| N2CEZ | KB5CA | KB7CC | N0CAY |
| N2CFG | WD5CAQ | N7CCW | N0CBG |
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| N2CFN | N5CDD | K7CD | WD0CCC |
| KF3C | WA5CBE | WA8C | N0CCL |
| K13C | N5CBL | AD8C | N0CCO |
| N3CAK | KA5CBX | KF8C | K0CCU |
| N3CBG | KA5CBY | K18C | K0CD |
| KA3CBL | KD5CC | KO8C | N0CD |
| KA3CBO | N5CCU | K8CA | W0CDO |
| KA3CCG | WD5CDD | WA8CAE | KA0CDP |
| N3CCW | WB5CDW | W8CAR | KA0CDW |
| W3CCX | N5CEM | KA8CAX | N0CEK |
| KA3CDB | N5CEP | N8CBE | W0CET |

PAID YOUR DUES?

WHY NOT?????





BUNNY HUNT RESULTS

12/4 Advanced

1. KA7BGB
2. W7CLU
3. WB7SIC
4. WB7RDE
5. KC7MZ

KC7U & N7CRQ gave up!!
Wet, tired and dismal.

12/18 Beginner

1. KC7U/KC7YS
2. W7XI/KA7HRJ
- * 3. W7CLU/KI7F
- * 4. N7CRQ

* indicates disqualified.

KI7F has hunted before and
CRQ had no beginner along.



BUNNY HUNT SCHEDULE

Jan. 22-Intermediate---Beaverton Mall
Feb. 5--Advanced-----Beaverton Mall
Feb. 19-Beginner-----Beaverton Mall
Mch. 5--Advanced-----Hillsboro Bi-Mart
Mch. 19-Intermediate-W. Sq. Sears Auto

Assembly time is 1:30 with a start time
of 2:00. Bvtn. Mall starts are from the
Norths Chuckwagon. Hillsboro Bi-Mart is
obvious, as is the Sears Auto store at
Washington Square. General and specific

class rules are available at the hunt starting point or, in advance, via Mark, N7CRQ.
Take a couple of hours off from your Saturday chores and enjoy a great function!!!!

EMERGENCY SERVICES: We need your help! Last months newsletter contained a form for us to fill out and out of 235 members, we got about 20 turned in. No long harangue on the reason for amateur radio being in existence other than to say this: Years ago our government relied on us to provide trained radio experts in both communication skills as well as in the area of development of electronics technology. As we are now in the middle of the electronics era, our service, as hams, is somewhat down-graded. Many young people are getting on the band wagon and entering the electronics field. Most of which know nothing of ham radio! The technological advances once furnished very heavily by amateur operators is a thing of the past. True, there is still an occasional breakthrough made by a ham but it is getting far and few between. What we have left is traffic handling, public service events and EMERGENCY SERVICE CAPABILITY. Of our 237 members, over 150 indicated, on their membership sign-up forms, a definite interest in EMERGENCY SERVICES?? Sending in the form does not commit you to anything! It is an information sheet that may or may not be utilized in the event of a real emergency. It is difficult to comprehend that out of 235 dedicated hams there are 215 who don't care. Maybe you just forgot and, if so, we would appreciate hearing from you. You can either mail the form to the club PO box, mail or give to Mark, N7CRQ or give it to a club officer at a meeting. Thank you.

CONVENTION MOTEL

Once again, the LANDMARK MOTOR INN will serve as the club motel for our Oregon State Ham Convention in Seaside. The motel has been reserved for club members and our visiting ARRL guests. As a matter of information for some of our newer members, the motel is directly across the street from the convention center, two blocks to the beach, two blocks from the arcades and one block from the Safeway store. You can park your car for the weekend and utilize the advantages of being close to the action. The motel features a sauna, queen beds, indoor pool, color TV, HBO, direct dial phones, Jacuzzi hot tubs in some of the rooms and a laundromat. Reservations may be made by calling 1-738-9581. Reservations MUST be for two nights. June 3 & 4. No cash in advance is required but they will ask that one nights lodging be paid for by May 1 or your room will be up for grabs. Refunds are ok with 48 hours notice. A map of the motel will be, hopefully, in next months rag. It will show what rooms have what and also will contain a price list. There are 47 rooms available and some of them will go fast so don't put off reserving yours. Eight are already taken!!

CU at the LANDMARK



NEWS

BULLETIN

WHO MEETS WHEN AND WHERE

CLACKAMAS ARC ---3rd Monday at 7:30---Clackamas Community College.

SALEM ARC ---4th Tuesday at 7:30---NW Natural Gas Company.

MC MINNVILLE ARC ---2nd Thursday at 7:30---Yamhill County Courthouse.

LOWER COLUMBIA AR ASSOC. ---1st & 3rd Thurs. at 7:30---Clubhouse ???

CLARK COUNTY ARC ---1st Friday at 7:30---Clark College Applied Arts Bldg..

PORTLAND ARC ---4th Friday at 7:30---BPA building cafeteria.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY DX CLUB ---Last Thurs. at 7:30---2145 NE Hoyt opposite KATU-2nd floor.

HOODVIEW ARC ---3rd Thursday at 7:30---Mount Hood CC Town & Gown room.

WHO TO CALL FOR WHAT

Let's start the new year with a summary of who to contact in the club when you have a need or question. Lots of new members and some older ones are, or may be, in the dark as regards club internal information.

CLUB JACKETS-----W7JDT

CLUB BADGES-----N7CZY

ROSTER CHANGES-----K7RXV

COMMITTEE WORK-----W7JWG

(or committee chairman)

CLUB LIBRARY-----WB7NPH

ARRL INFORMATION-----WB7SIC

HAM CLASSES-----KB7CC

BUNNY HUNTS-----N7CRQ

ARRG INFO-92/32-04/64--W7JDT

CONVENTION-----WB7SIC

ARRL MEMBERSHIP-----N7CRP

CLUB HISTORY-----WB7SIC

(temporarily)

NEWSLETTER-----WB7SIC

(input-ads-call changes-guest articles-letters to editor-upgrades-jokes-illness-DX news-public service contributions or anything of interest to the members)

Any items of question not referred to here should be directed to our President, Bert Schmidt, W7JWG, at 644-7321. If you are unable to reach Bert, call any of the officers and you will get an answer or will be directed to an officer who can.

A TOUCHING STORY-WELL WORTH THE READING

Shamefaced boy discovers new world

Back in 1939, there was a 9-year-old lad hiding in the bushes of a yard, waiting for just the right moment when he could make a dash into the yard and gather some pears from the only tree in the yard.

The moment came, and in a flurry of flesh and old clothes he dashed from the bushes toward the tree. The moment he had his hands full of choice pears, a big hand was clamped on his shoulder. The surprised kid dropped the pears to the ground and let out a cry as he looked at a man who seemed as tall as the sky. A 6-foot 3-inch 215 lb. blonde man asked "Are you trying to steal these pears?" The boy answered with a meek yes. The man, whose name was Norman, said, "Son, come over here to the steps; I want to talk to you."

Once seated on the steps, Norman explained to the boy how kids could get into all kinds of trouble taking things that do not belong to them. Norman said he thought it would be good if the boy told his parents about what had happened. The boy agreed to talk to his mom and dad.

With a sick feeling and a lump in his throat, he told his parents. They told him to go back and do some work for Norman free as his punishment. The next day, the boy knocked on Norman's door and explained his punishment to Norman. With a broad smile, Norman said fine. "First sweep the walk and driveway, then we will clean my radio room." The boy made short work of the sweeping, wondering all the while what a radio room was.

With the sweeping done, Norman led the way to the attic. When the boy stepped through the door of the radio room, he thought he had stepped into another world. One wall was lined with 6-foot cabinets filled with electronic

equipment. Switches, lights and meters were everywhere. Another wall was full of funny-looking postcards from all over the country. His attention was drawn by a funny noise to the bench where Norman had seated himself. Norman was turning some knobs and from the speaker came a man's voice saying "CQ CQ CQ This is W3PEK W3PEK W3PEK." "This is W2NJ W2NJ W2NJ. Do you copy?" The switch was flipped back and there was the same voice saying "W2NJ W2NJ."

Norman told the boy to bring a chair up to the bench. While he did so, Norman again flipped the switch and talked some more. The boy heard his own name and age this time, along with some strange words like QTH and ten over nine. Then the switch was thrown again, and the voice came back on the speaker, only this time the voice was talking to the boy!

After a few more rounds of flipping the switch and some more strange talk like "73's," "See you later down the coax, etc.," a knob was turned and silence fell across the room. The only sound was the footsteps of Norman's wife and his mother bringing in sandwiches and lemonade. Norman tried to explain to the boy what had taken place on the radio.

The boy spent many more enjoyable hours in the radio room — excuse me, the ham shack with the wonderful world of Amateur Radio.

Norman took a kid who was trying to steal some pears and started him on the right road — a road of excitement, enjoyment, fellowship and service to the community.

By the way, Norman gave me the pears and I enjoyed them more than if I had succeeded in stealing them.

Thanks, Norman, for catching me and introducing me to the world of Amateur Radio.

GEORGE WACHTER, WA4JSM
Huntsville, Alabama



1% REBATE PROGRAM-A REMINDER

Yours truly just caught a member buying an Icom 730 at Portland Radio. (might have been a 740?) Anyway, said member forgot to tell them he was an OTVARC member and the club almost lost \$11.00. Word is that quite a few of the members decline to make a claim on the 1% when they make a small purchase. HEY-lots of members make 'small purchases' and they add up. Let's make it a habit

to claim EVERY purchase and therefore help our treasury. Don't expect the clerk behind the counter to recognize you as an OTVARC member. You have to tell him! Also, remember that the equipment you are buying does not cost you more just because we get a rebate. The 1% is an incentive to help the club and is gratis by Portland Radio and Antronics of Oregon. It is there for us to use. PLEASE DO SO!!!!!! Thank you Joe and Stan.....

OTHER HELPFUL INCOME TIPS

Two items of income revenue for our club bear repeating on occasion. Why? The influx of new members and the awful fact that some people do not consider a dollar or two added to our bank account is worth the trouble. WRONG!! What are these two items?

ARRL MEMBERSHIP: Whether you are a first time joiner of the ARRL or just paying your annual dues, if you do so through the club, we retain \$2.00 of the fee. It does NOT add to what you pay for membership to the ARRL. How do you go about it? You make your check out to OTVARC and mail same along with your form to the club address. The treasurer, upon receipt of your check, makes out a check from OTVARC to the ARRL in your name and sends them the check and form. The check he sends is made out for \$2.00 less than the going rate of membership. We keep \$2.00 for US. Not worth the time? It takes no longer to send a check to the club than direct to the ARRL. PLUS-\$2.00 times about 150 ARRL members is \$300.00 per year!! About equal to getting 60 new members at \$5.00 per. Still think it's not worth the bother???

WORLD RADIO: Same as above! Subscribe at \$9.00 and we keep \$1.00. Let's ALL help.....

Wednesday, November 3, 1982 THE BRAZOSPORT FACTS 131

LOCAL GROUP RECEIVES NATIONAL CHARTER

Radio club ready for emergency

By JONI H. BLACKMAN
Facts Feature Writer

Small ones look like walkie-talkies and make it possible to easily communicate for miles from a car or the street.

Big ones make it possible to communicate worldwide.

But besides being an awful lot of fun, amateur radios are available to provide an essential public service.

The Intermedics, Inc. Amateur Radio Club received their national charter from the American Radio Relay League on Oct. 12. AARRL is a group which represents amateur radio operators at the federal government level and provides various services to keep member groups ready for local natural disasters.

"Virtually all communications depend on commercial power which won't withstand a natural disaster," said Steve Das, chapter president. "Within minutes or hours amateur radio operators could have communication with the rest of the world, and historically that has been the case — amateur radio operators provide communication during disasters."



Roger Coday, left, presents the Intermedics Inc. Amateur Radio Club's American Radio Relay League national club charter to Steve D. Das, club president. Coday is the assistant director for the ARRL West Gulf Division. Services included in the national membership include training information for radio operators and yearly drills to keep the local club ready to assist the community in the case of a natural disaster.

communication during disasters."

To demonstrate the ease in which the operator makes contact, Das said a few words into the portable radio (which looks like a

walkie-talkie) from his Freeport office. Within seconds, an Angleton man working on his car responded.

He sounded as clear as if he were in the office.

Minutes later, a person in Lake Jackson and a man in his Brazoria home in the woods also responded. Das said it would be just as easy to contact Houston or farther.

One service from the AARRL is a yearly field day in which member clubs across the country gather for 24 hours in a remote area to communicate with each other as if it were a disaster.

Last June, the Intermedics club teamed up with the other area club, The Brazosport Amateur Radio Club, and joined the effort from Dunbar Park in Lake Jackson.

"We communicated all over the country and outside the country and used generator power as if it were an emergency," Das said. "If you participate in this yearly event, it will never be more than a year since you've had to open an emergency station. It keeps us ready."

When the sky is free from the threat of a hurricane, radio operators enjoy their hobby in a

multitude of ways — communicating with friends and relatives from their car, or while walking around a shopping mall.

Operators with larger stations at home can communicate with people around the world, just to chat. And no long distance bill to dread in the mail.

The club is sponsored by the Intermedics recreation committee, though it was not formed for purely recreational use. The 20-member group began at the beginning of this year and plans to open a radio channel soon.

The club, which is open to the public, meets the first Monday of every month.

Other group officers are Mike Frey, vice-president; Mel Park, treasurer; Dave Short, secretary; and Joe Vandegriff, trustee.

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HAPPY
NEW
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Steve is a former VP for OTVARC and shortly after getting elected, had to go and move to Texas. He keeps in touch and still is a member. Hear him on HF every Sunday. KA7CTP for freq..

DUES ARE DUE--DUES ARE DUE--WHEN???? BY JANUARY 31.....

CHRISTMAS PARTY RE-VISITED

We ran out of space on the front page and will continue it here with a few words of thanks. Bill Shrader and wife came all the way from Medford to attend our party. Bill is our Oregon SCM for the ARRL and was kind enough to handle our drawing for the ICOM handheld. While he did it, he proved that he needs the glasses that his wife has been after him to get. Calling wrong numbers for a major prize is a no-no Bill. Skip, KC5B0 forgives you so don't feel too badly. Also, a thanks to N7CPA, our new Oregon SEC man for his attendance. Nice to see you Tom and best luck in your new position.

No word of thanks here but if things go well, we offer a few words of understanding! Seems like somebody thought that the centerpieces at the Xmas party were up for grabs. WRONG!! Somebody saw somebody making off with a candle

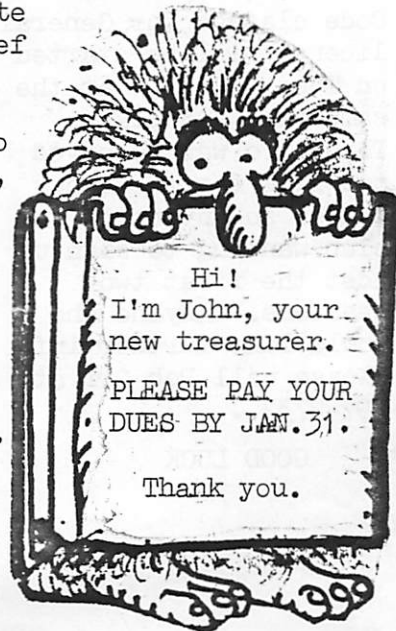
centerpiece and assumed that we were giving them away. We lost over \$50.00 worth of permanent club Christmas decorations. Once the word was out, it is commendable that 3 of our members returned their decorations. That took guts!!! There is no intention of making public notice of names and calls as this is an understandable mistake. When you see somebody doing something you assume that it is okay to do the same. Your editor, who got railroaded into the social committee, got elected to be the recipient of 'missing centerpieces'. I ask that they be returned and be assured that returns will be appreciated as well as being in strictest confidence. Thank you to the 3 ladies who co-operated. I will admire your integrity for a long while..... WB7SIC

MEETING PROGRAM

We have a real barn burner of a program for you this month. As most of you know, Storer Cable has been busily engaged in providing many areas of the Tualatin Valley with cable TV. Also, as many of you know, cable companies utilize a segment of our 2m band. Much has been written about the problems of interference both from cable TV as well as amateur transmissions causing headaches to cable transmissions. The ARRL is fighting to get cable off of amateur allocated air space. All across the country there are law suits either pending or in progress, instigated by both the cable companies and by hams. There must be a solution and if you attend our Jan. meeting you will hear what Storer has to offer. We are fortunate to have been able to obtain the services of Mr. Jack Fluty, Chief Technician and Mr. Dan Trayler, Technical Manager, both with Storer Cable. They will cover the ABC's of cable operation and this will include everything from obtaining an area franchise to final hook-up. A complete show and tell program! As mentioned, they will offer their solution to the interference problem and we think you will find it exciting! This should prove to be a truly great program to start our year off with. Most everyone watches TV and quite a few in the valley are either hooked up on cable or will soon be. If you want answers and, in the process, get a thorough education on cable operation, this is a MUST SEE program. It is expected that we will have a lot of audience questions so plan on being a little later getting home. Bring a friend. Maybe even your spouse? CU at the meeting...

Editors note: Off I go on the 4th. year of this (monster) 'letter'. Thanks to all who have helped and my wishes to all for a VERY happy and prosperous 1983. God Bless and 73-88

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

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WINTER HAM CLASSES

Novice, General, Advanced and Extra all start on Monday, Jan. 3 at 7:00 pm and will run for a 10 week period. Location is Cedar Park Elementary School. (Beaverton) Code classes for General license will be started on Tues., Jan. 4 at the same time and place. This info was received too late for the Dec. letter so anyone in the club wanting to sign up lost the first two sessions. Anyone who would like further info please call Bob Orr at 297-2732...

GOOD LUCK

KATHMZ

KATHNA

The Oregonian, Friday, October 29, 1982

Almighty gourd roundly praised

Supposed to be 'large variety'

FOREST GROVE — Howard Wahl of Forest Grove has an unexpected, but not unwelcome visitor in his living room. The portly guest sits in a wheelbarrow all day and — presumably — all night. But for something so silent it attracts a lot of attention.

Wahl has the area's leading candidate so far for "The Great Pumpkin."

Weighing in at 225 pounds with a 96-inch girth, the gouty gourd is but the largest of several "plumpkins" Wahl said grew to over 100 pounds in his one-acre garden.

He said he used no special fertilizer with them. "They're supposed to be the large variety," he said, cultivating a modest tone.

"It's our first time growing them. We thought it would be a novelty, something for the grandkids to look at."

But in the 10 days since he harvested the orange giant, others besides children have dropped their jaws after meeting the local reincarnation of "The Great Pumpkin."

"The neighbors all come in and get their pictures taken with it. It's kind of a conversation piece," Wahl said.

But conversation has to end sometime, and Wahl said he isn't sure what fate is in store for his stout house guest. There are no definite plans to carve a mammoth jack-o'-lantern, but Wahl said he does want the seeds to plant next year and possibly beget another behemoth.

"We haven't anticipated what we're going to do, but we know we don't



WHERE DO YOU WANT IT? — Helen and Howard Wahl of Forest Grove got tired of taking their friends out to

the garden to see their enormous pumpkin, so they just brought it into their living room.

want it in the house all the time," he said.

Wahl said the pumpkin is probably the most unusual thing he and his wife have grown in 42 years of gardening, but gargantuan growths are not entirely

new to them.

"We've raised a lot of things that got large. This year our sweet corn was 11 feet tall," he said. "We don't have the greatest soil, it's the care and upkeep that does it."

Retired, Wahl had major hip surgery a few years ago. He said, "One of the few things I can do is putter around in the garden."

"One of the main things we do is watch things grow."

Photo by GEOFF PARKS